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Applicants: Guintoli, et al.

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For: HYDROGEL AND SCRIM ASSEMBLY
FOR USE WITH ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE
DEVICE WITH STIMULATION ELECTRODES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSEAttn: R. Bradford
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An assembly for use with an electro-acupuncture device having at least two electrodes, said electrodes adapted to provide electrical stimulation to a user's skin when the device is secured to the skin, said electrodes defining an inter-electrode gap provided between the electrodes which separates the electrodes, said assembly comprising:

a scrim having a top surface and a bottom surface, said scrim provided with pores extending from the top surface to the bottom surface, wherein said top surface contacts